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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of the claims will replace all the prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Claims 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16, 18-48 are canceled.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A paperboard material useful in the manufacture of paperboard containers ~~such as paper cups~~ comprising a paperboard web including wood fibers and from about 0.25 to about 10 wt. % dry basis expanded microspheres based on the total weight of the web dispersed within the fibers, ~~and having an apparent density of from about 6.0 to about 10 lb/3MSF/mil, and a caliper of from 24 to about 35 mil, with an average internal bond of at least about 80 x 10⁻³ ft-lbf, a Sheffield Smoothness of about 300 or greater, and a barrier coating having a thickness of from about 0.5 to about 3.5 mil disposed adjacent at least one surface of the web.~~

2. (Original) The paperboard material of claim 1 wherein the density of the web is at least about 6.5 lb/3MSF/mil and the caliper of the web is at least about 28 mil.

3. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim 2 wherein the average internal bond of the web is at least about 100 x 10⁻³ ft-lbf.

4. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim 1 wherein the average internal bond of the web is at least about 100 x 10⁻³ ft-lbf.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim 6 1 wherein the barrier coating is present only on a surface of the web to be placed interiorly of a cup.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim 6 1 wherein the

barrier coating comprises a coating material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, EVOH, and polyethylene terephthalate ~~having an average thickness ranging from about 0.5 to about 3.5 mil.~~

10. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim ~~6~~ 1 wherein the barrier coating comprises a low density polyethylene having an average thickness of from about 1 to about 3 mil.

11. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim ~~6~~ 1 wherein a barrier coating is present on both surfaces of the web.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently amended) The paperboard material of claim 1 wherein the web has a surface with a ~~Sheffield smoothness of at least about 300 SU~~ and a PPS10 smoothness of about 6.5 microns or less and carries printing on the surface.

15. (Original) The paperboard material of claim 1 wherein the cellulosic fibers in the web comprise from about 20 to about 40% by weight dry basis softwood fibers and from about 60 to about 80% by weight dry basis hardwood fibers.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Original) The paperboard material of claim 1 wherein the expanded microspheres in the web comprise synthetic polymeric microspheres and comprise from about 5 to about 7 wt.% of the total weight of the web on a dry basis.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Canceled).